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A U.S. Airman adjusts the sights on his rifle during a marksmanship competition near Camp Patriot recently.

*Photo by Spc. Debrah A. Robertson*

# Looking back, Looking ahead: A chaplain's message

**Lt. Col. (Chap.) Don German,  
Deputy CFLCC chaplain**

Each New Year people are reminded to reflect on the past year. The last edition of the Desert Voice magazine encouraged us to reflect with the cover page title of "2006: A Reflection in Photos." As I pondered this reminder and reflection of past events, I wondered why it is so important for people to take on this mental work.

For some, reflecting or remembering the past events stirs up great memories of being with family and friends. Yet for others, it brings an ache in the heart because of the loss of loved ones or a friend or some tragic situation in their lives. Nevertheless, we all have the capacity to look back on the good times, as well as the bad. It has an affect for the most part of causing us to launch into the new year with great anticipation that things will be better this year.

In the Bible, God also calls for us to reflect and to remember. Deuteronomy 8:2 reads, "Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the desert ... to humble you and to test you in order to know what was in your heart, whether or not you would keep his commands." I know that we can relate to being in the desert. It's in the desert that God uses our lives to shape and form us.

I am a firm believer that we are not here by mistake or accident, but that

God has so ordained you to be here in the desert. Our lives have purpose. Rick Warren, author of the book "The Purpose Driven Life," declares, "You are not an accident....long before you were conceived by your parents, you were conceived in the mind of God." So if one believes that, than your time here in the desert is not by happenstance or coincidence, but God has so purposed for you to be here.

If a person reflects on this and upon his or her relationship with the Creator, then I believe that is cause for rejoicing and to be glad that God has a plan and purpose for you being in the desert.

Warren further writes, "But there is a God who made you for a reason, and your life has profound meaning! We discover that meaning and purpose only when we make God the reference point of our lives. The Message [Bible] paraphrase of Romans 12:3 says, "*The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and by what he does for us.*"

So Desert Voice readers, I challenge you to reflect upon the year 2006 and see what God has done for you. If you count your blessings and name them one by one, you might surprise yourself and you will discover all of what God has done in your life! Get excited about it and be expecting for greater things to happen in the year 2007.

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# Engineers keep Kuwait running

Story and Photos by  
**Sgt. Chris Jones**  
**Desert Voice Editor**

One-third of their deployment in Kuwait is behind them, but the Soldiers of Detachment 2, 863rd Engineer Battalion rarely get the chance to reflect on the work they have accomplished.

Because the 54 engineers of Detachment 2 are positioned for maintenance tasks instead of construction, “We hear more people saying ‘why wasn’t this done’ and ‘we need you to do this now’ than ‘good job,’ but that goes with our line of work,” said Capt. Anthony Manning, commander of Detachment 2.

While the Navy’s Seabees are tasked with construction in Kuwait, the engineers of Detachment 2 are the ones who repair what’s already been built, which includes taking emergency work orders anytime of the day.

“If something is an emergency,” said Manning, “we wake up and get it done.”

Their work doesn’t stop at Arifjan, though. There may be only 54 engineers in Detachment 2, but they have already been on maintenance missions to Camp Patriot, Camp Buehring, the Sea Port of Debarkation

and an air base in Kuwait.

Although the engineers have different primary skills – from welding to electrical to plumbing – but with such a high operational tempo, some missions require Soldiers to learn new jobs, said Manning.

Sgt. Eric Contreras, a heavy equipment operator on his 2nd deployment to Kuwait, said it is necessary to be adaptable.

“The last time I was here,” said Contreras, “we had a battalion. Here, we have a company-sized element. There are less people to do the jobs, so we need to be able to cover down for each other.”

Spc. Kham Kingphavong, a carpentry/masonry specialist, said the best part of the deployment is also the most difficult – learning new jobs as the deployment unfolds.

“I’ve worked with concrete, tiling, woodwork, flooring,” said Kingphavong. “You do a little bit of everything. The experience is great. You get to know everything about your job.”

Although an engineer in the Army Reserve, in his hometown of Rockford, Ill, he is a registered nurse.

“I move in two different directions,” he said.

The engineers of Detachment 2 are quick to mention the benefit of being able to work with people from the same battalion back in the United States.

Although the Soldiers were picked from separate companies to form the detachment for the deployment, they are all from the same battalion, and many are from the Chicago area.

When two members of the 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl team visited Kuwait recently, nearly the entire detachment donned their Bears jerseys and got to meet some of their city’s heroes.

“Some [Army] Reservists aren’t as lucky as we are, being able to be deployed with the same people from their unit back home,” said Sgt. Eloisa Zarco, a Chicago native and one of only two females in the unit.

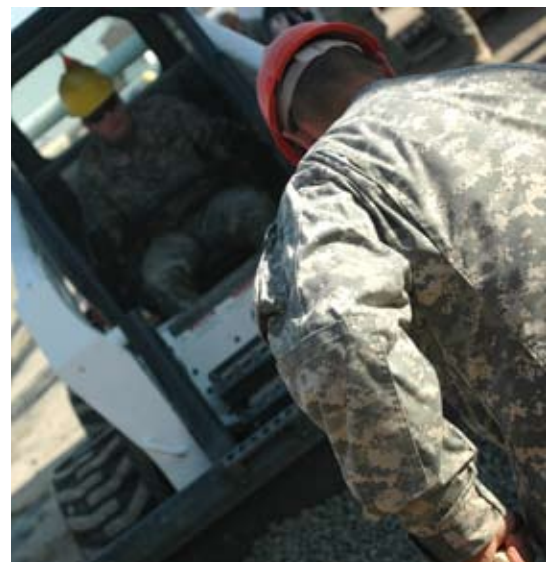
“You know these people, so you don’t need to worry about getting used to new people while deployed. It’s great having people you can relate to.”

For Manning, who has been in a command position in the 863<sup>rd</sup> since 2002, he says his role as the commander is rewarding because of the engineers he’s responsible for.

“I’m very happy with this unit,” said Manning. “They work hard.”



Engineers with Detachment 2, 863rd Engineer Battalion spread gravel on rough ground at Zone 2 on Camp Arifjan, Jan. 4. (Right) An engineer takes gravel from a tractor to level out ground at Zone 2.



# On point: Kuwait shooting competition keeps

Story and photos by  
**Spc. Debrah A. Robertson**  
**Desert Voice assistant editor**

With cold fingers and red cheeks, servicemembers from the Air Force, Navy, Army and Coast Guard shook off the chilly January mornings for a little friendly competition and multiservice comradery. The smell of hot lead and cordite fill the air and troops line up awaiting the commands from the host.

The first week of January, the 586th Expeditionary Mission Support Group, Detachment 1, held its first rifle shooting competition, hosting both M-4 firers and M-16 firers, at a rifle range near Camp Patriot.

After holding a M-9 pistol shooting competition in November, the unit immediately began to prepare for this month's competition.

"A lot of work went into putting it together," said Air Force Master Sgt. Chuck Yates, a mission support flight, services, antiterrorism/ force protection superintendent for the 586th EMSG, of the rifle competition.

"We've been planning (the rifle competition) since November," said Master Sgt. Robert Bush, civil engineer flight noncommissioned officer in charge of the 586th EMSG, Det. 1. "The whole detachment pitched in."

"There were not a lot of amenities on the range," said Yates, a Union City,

Tenn., native.

The 586th EMSG had to adjust the target holders from the M-9 range used during the November competition to accommodate the M-16 range used for the rifle competition.

"Everything had to be provided by the detachment members," said Yates of the tables, chairs, targets, lane markers and everything on the range short of the berm and the covered area where the preparatory class was held each morning before the competition began.

After weeks of hard work, the competition was deemed a success by many of the competitors and range workers.



Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Eric Hingley fires his rifle along side other servicemembers from multiple branches during the third day of the four-day rifle shooting competition.



# ops servicemembers' skills sharp

"I drove an hour and a half to be here," said Air Force Staff Sgt. Kevin Wilson, a security forces patrolman with the 386th ESFS.

After participating in the M-9 shooting competition, Wilson and many of the other servicemembers from the November competition came again to the rifle competition.

"We don't get to fire often while deployed," said Wilson, a Latonia, Ky., native. "It keeps morale up and boosts confidence that we'll know how to use (our weapons) if we have to.

Many of the troops came to "just shoot their weapons at 200 and 300 yards," said Bush, a Yuba City, Calif., native. "Air Force members usually shoot at 25-meter targets. A lot of them have never had to adjust for wind and elevation."

"Military members improve marksmanship skills to better use the tools they were given," said Bush.

Besides building confidence and helping deployed troops sharpen marksmanship skills, the rifle competition allowed a break in the

everyday routine.

"You meet new people," said Wilson. "It builds comradery."

When scoring targets and adjusting their sights, the servicemembers are helping each other out, even between the service branches, said Bush.

"It's very rewarding," said Yates. "The different services come together and shoot as one. They drop the barriers."

Although there is only one such competition per year per base, the servicemembers who participated in this year's competition logged in extra time using their rifles and take back a little more knowledge about each other and maybe even themselves.



## Top Finishers

1. Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Patty, Navy
2. Lt. Col. Arthur Rozier, AF
3. Tech Sgt. Chris Oatman, AF
4. Master Sgt. Dallas Mathis, AF
5. Master Sgt. Charles Yates, AF

### Top Finishers by service:

**Air Force** -- 2nd place: Lt. Col. Arthur Rozier

**Navy** -- 1st place: Petty Officer 2nd Class Trevor Patty

**Army** -- 8th place: Sgt. 1st Class Christopher Green

**Coast Guard** -- Rafael Ortiz (rank unknown)

**Marine Corps** -- No participants



(Top) Air Force Senior Airman James Morris, a civil engineer worker with the 386th ECES, adjusts his rifle sights during a recent rifle shooting competition held near Camp Patriot.

(Left) Air Force Staff Sgt. Amador Camacho, who participated in the rifle competition, covers the holes in the targets prior to the next round of firing.

# The left hook into Kuwait

## Third Army in Desert Storm

**Sgt. Thomas L. Day**  
**Desert Voice Staff Writer**

**T**he seeds of the first war against Saddam Hussein, launched 16 years ago this week in January, were sewn even before the United States government considered him an enemy. History set the stage. Kuwait came into existence only after its British protectorates awarded the country its independence from Iraq in 1961 – an independence Iraq steadfastly refused to recognize for three decades leading to August 2, 1990.

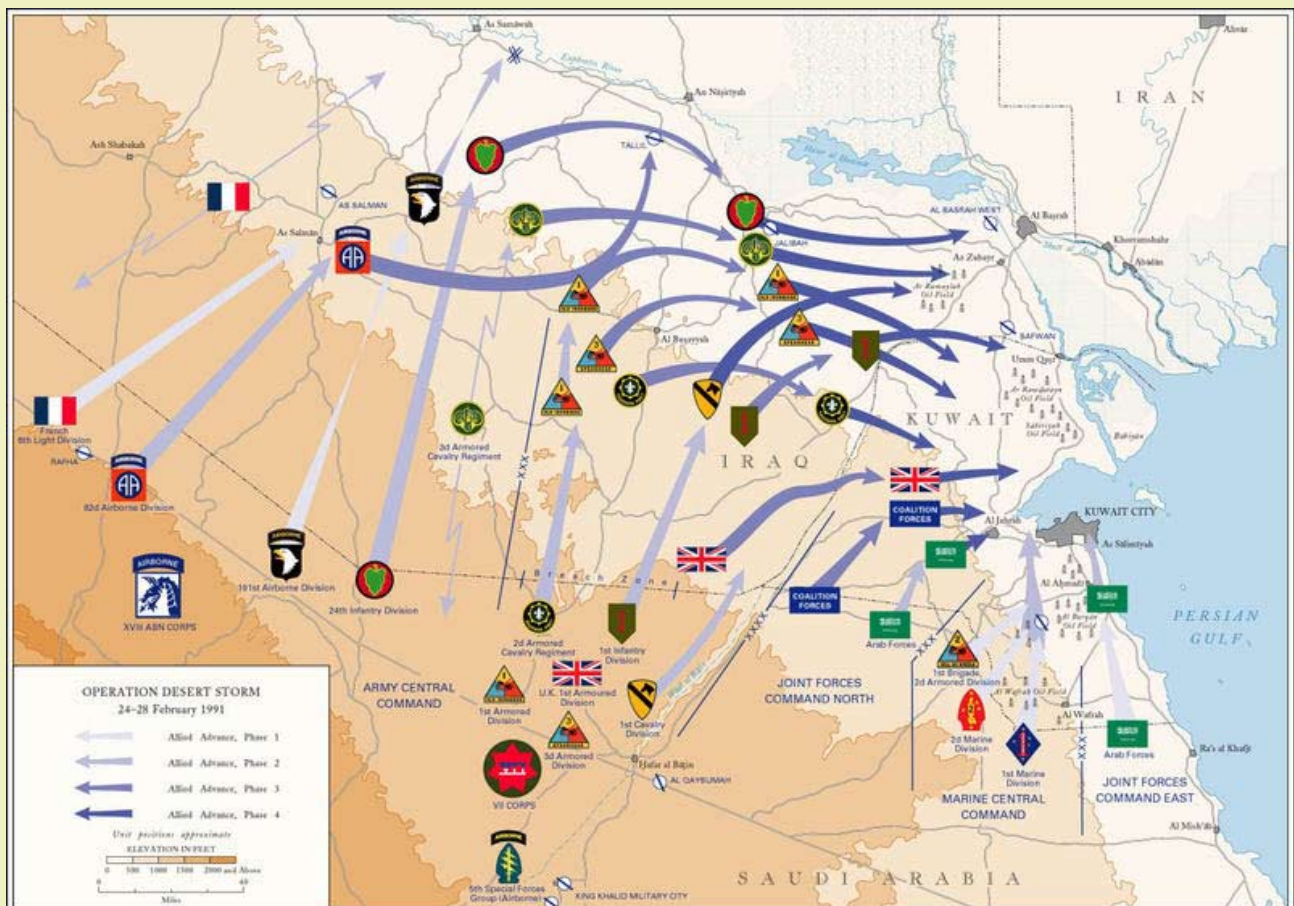
Hussein's regime was deeply in debt after the Iran-Iraq war. Iraq owed Kuwait \$14 billion for their support in the war; \$25 billion to the house of Saud. He had only one way to pay.

Claiming that the Kuwaitis were actively "slant

drilling" for Iraqi oil across the border, Saddam's military, 120,000 troops strong, blitzed their Persian Gulf neighbors in less than a day. Hussein immediately declared Kuwait an Iraqi province.

The American response, under the banner "Operation Desert Shield," began on August 7, 1990. The first American troops arrived in Saudi Arabia just five days after the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait. "This aggression will not stand," President George H.W. Bush told the world at a brief press conference outside the White House shortly after Hussein's invasion.

It was up to Soldiers like Lt. Gen. John Yeosock to enforce Bush's guarantee. Days after the invasion of Kuwait, Yeosock boarded an Air Force plane charted for Saudi Arabia. Secretary of Defense Dick Cheney, CIA



U.S. Army map

**'The Left Hook':** Third Army, commanding the 101st Airborne Division and the 1st Cavalry Division among other assets, closed off the Iraqis' northern escape routes, forcing their surrender after just a 100-hour ground campaign.



Director Robert Gates and Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf, the U.S. Central Command commanding general, were on the plane with him.

“The first two people (in Third Army) who arrived in Saudi Arabia were myself and a lieutenant colonel,” Yeosock recalled from his Peachtree City, Ga., home. “We had done our homework.”

Nobody was surprised by Hussein’s August invasion, least of all Yeosock. A month before, the Third Army commander had been in the region for a U.S. CENTCOM “war game” – a training exercise that prepared Schwarzkopf’s commanders for a potential Iraqi invasion of Kuwait.

“Third Army was unique in the role it played when CENTCOM went to war,” said Richard M. Swain, who documented the Third Army’s Persian Gulf campaign in his 1997 book, *Lucky War: Third Army in Desert Storm*. “General Yeosock served as both Deputy Forces Command commander and Third Army commander before the war.”

Yeosock immediately began building a coalition force that would reach 660,000 troops from 34 different countries. “I did not just take out a recipe book. I built capacity in very small cells as an extension of Third Army.” Third Army would give the commands in the forward fight; Yeosock removed as many intermediate headquarters as he could from his field units.

For six months in Saudi Arabia, Yeosock was “balancing and rebalancing, building the coalition,” before Operation Desert Shield became Desert Storm. “It wasn’t just waiting for someone to blow the whistle and say, ‘go.’”

For the Wilkes-Barre, Penn., native, building the coalition tested his ability as a commander and a statesman. “The British wanted to be in the main attack...the French wanted to be way the hell to the west.”

As Forces Command deputy commander, Yeosock would have been charged with commanding all U.S. Army units during the ground campaign. This was before CENTCOM Commander Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf opted to prune the ground command from Yeosock’s portfolio. Schwarzkopf would take ground command for himself.

“The issue was the Marines and allies,” Swain said. “So (Schwarzkopf) did it, acting in partnership with the Arab Coalition Command, Prince Khalid, though Schwarzkopf was clearly dominant in what he brought to the fight and

everyone knew that.

“For the most part, though, it worked okay.”

Diplomatic efforts by Secretary of State James Baker and Iraqi Foreign Minister Tariq Aziz had failed. United Nations Resolution 678, demanding that Iraqi forces vacate Kuwait by January 15, 1991, had been ignored.

Two days later, a massive U.S.-led air campaign began.

Saddam’s initial response was to fire Scud missiles into Israel, an unsuccessful attempt to draw the Israelis in, and Arabs out, of the war. Five weeks of air strikes left Iraq’s air capabilities in tatters and completely severed any lines

of communication Saddam had with his ground forces in Kuwait.

The air campaign devastated the Iraqi forces, but it was the ground forces that ended the first Iraq war.

When Schwarzkopf dispatched the ground forces on Feb. 24, Yeosock held command over the VII Corps, the XVIII Airborne Corps and various allied units, including several Marine units.

The stage was set for the famed “left hook,” where Yeosock sent the XVIII Airborne Corps deep inside Iraq to block the Iraqi forces northern escape.

“Third Army’s move around the Iraqi right was copied directly from General Thomas ‘Stonewall’ Jackson in 1863,” said Phil Schreier, senior curator at the National Firearms Museum in Fairfax, Va. “It mirrors directly Jackson’s flank

march around General (Joseph) Hooker’s right during the battle of Chancellorsville, Va.”

“It was a text book maneuver and a blind man could have seen it coming,” said Schrier.

The ground coalition needed only 100 hours to force an Iraqi withdraw. They would not need to overrun Iraqi military from the north. “They did not cut the Iraqis off from retreat,” said Swain. “Though they would have in another 12 hours, and made a hell of a mess of Basra doing it.”

Before Third Army’s advance could move a mile closer to the Iraq-Kuwait border, President Bush ordered the end of the campaign. “Kuwait is liberated. Iraq’s army is defeated,” Bush told the world during his address from the Oval Office.

Even before Bush spoke, Iraqi forces had begun a mass, abject withdraw from Kuwait. “With that, Third Army turned almost immediately to getting everyone back to CONUS, leaving a residual force in Kuwait,” Swain said.



DoD photo

**Lt. Gen. John Yeosock, the Third Army commanding general during Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm**



Spc. Lissette Negron loads up a crate of spare parts onto a tow truck. The 594th maintenance platoon has managed to import spare parts into their maintenance shop quickly enough to keep their vehicles running.

# On the road

## 594th Transportation Company keeping heavy trucks moving north

Story and Photos by  
**Sgt. Thomas L. Day**  
*Desert Voice Staff Writer*

**T**he 594th Transportation Company is a supply distributor for the entire Iraq theater, running supply missions to as far north as Mosul, a city nearly four-hundred miles north of Baghdad.

The job given the maintenance platoon of the 594th is to make sure the vehicles make it through Iraq without a vehicle breaking down.

Tightening screws, checking fluids, rotating tires – acts that could be routine, the supply convoys depend on when they move into Iraq.

“Every time they come off a mission, they come through the shop,” said Sgt. 1st Class Scott Shepherd of Harlan, Ky., the platoon leader for the 594th’s maintenance platoon. “The next morning, after a mission, the convoy is required to come in ... We fix everything on the spot.”

Nineteen Soldiers are assigned to the maintenance platoon; a team large

enough to handle eight to ten vehicles at a time.

“Glorious home,” as Sgt. Stephen Hardy of Houston calls it, is a Texas-sized tent at Camp Arifjan, Kuwait, which the maintenance platoon has used as its repair facility.

From Kuwait, supply convoys roll out with a parade of massive, three-axle trucks [called a “Bobtel”], most carrying flatbeds. One truck in tow, however, carries nothing but a box.

The box is packed with wrenches, fluids and extra parts. “That way





(Top) Sgt. 1st Class Scott Stephens instructs a group of his Soldiers on welding techniques.

(Left) Spc. Christopher Moore, a 594th Transportation Company mechanic, ties a headlight back onto a hood of a three-axle truck.

we're pulling a full system behind us," Hardy said. Added armor attached to the vehicles, according to the Soldiers, is what keeps the maintenance platoon busy.

"(The added armor) really pays hell on those vehicles," said 1st Sgt. Douglas Emmons, the 594th company's top enlisted Soldier. The vehicles, according to Emmons, carry several thousand pounds of added armor.

The platoon is nothing if not battle tested. More than half of the company has been submitted for a combat action badge, denoting that the soldier wearing the badge has been involved in a combat engagement. Of the 19 Soldiers assigned to the maintenance platoon, only three have not been deployed to the Iraq theater before.

This deployment, according to the Soldiers, differs from the previous tours in one aspect: convenience.

In 2003, the company was deployed with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division in northern Iraq. Orders for missing parts could take as long as several months to arrive. This time around, the mechanics have encountered a noticeably quicker process.

"It's running smooth as silk now," Stephens said about the parts replacement process. "On a day to day basis, parts are rolling in pretty good.

"We go through parts like it's going out of style."



Chief Warrant Officer 2 Michael Taheny trains up on a welding machine commonly used during repairs.

# Friends since childhood, Soldiers endure deployment together: 'Combat is a true test of friendship.'

**SFC Vaughn Larson**  
**1st Bn., 121st FA Regt.**

Staff Sgt. Chad Spitz and Sgt. Nick Kletzien, currently stationed at Camp Navistar together, have been nearly inseparable since the day they met during a playground football game at Sheboygan Falls Middle School in Wisconsin roughly 15 years ago.

"We were both from Waldo," Spitz, 26, explained. "If you went to school in Sheboygan Falls and you were from Waldo, you were an outcast – a Waldonian."

As they grew up, their parents would remark that to find one, you only had to look for the other. As adults, they hunted and exercised together. Kletzien was hard-pressed to explain why their friendship endured, as the two men have several differences.

"We challenge each other," Spitz observed. "If one does something, the other does, too."

"We're more like brothers than friends," he continued. "We finish each other's sentences – which is sick."

Spitz was the best man at Kletzien's wedding, and Kletzien will serve as best man when Spitz marries. Kletzien

moved to Sheboygan after he married. Some time later, Spitz moved to a home one block away from Kletzien.

"I was there for a month before he knew I was there," Spitz recalled.

Both joined Battery B, the Wisconsin Army National Guard unit based in Plymouth, in March 1997 and went to Basic Training at about the same time – but to different Army posts. Kletzien trained to serve on self-propelled howitzers, while Spitz learned how to operate in the battery's fire direction center.

Spitz later transferred to battalion headquarters and then to Battery C in Sussex, the unit he is serving with now. Kletzien stayed with Battery B.

The two have participated in four warfighter exercises in Fort Lewis, Wash., Fort McCoy, Wis., and in Milwaukee. Both plan to stay in the military for 20 years.

And now they are performing the same mission while deployed, albeit for two different companies. The Milwaukee-based 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery Battalion reconfigured from batteries to companies for this deployment in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

Spitz said that being deployed with

his best friend is difficult.

"Combat is the true test of a friendship," he said. "There's a lot that can make one stray from the other."

Kletzien disagreed.

"Us being here makes our friendship stronger," he contended. "Both of us being here going through the same stuff, we can talk about [that] for the rest of our lives. We'll have more in common than we ever did, because we're living the same life."

"We'll be old men someday – though I'm sure we'll be back here before it's all said and done – and we'll have lots of stories," he continued.

Still, Kletzien admitted that he frequently checks on the status of his friend.

"It's like pins and needles," he explained. "You never know if something's going to happen. It's a good thing that we're separate – if we were together, something could happen to the both of us."

Spitz said that finding time to spend with his friend is more difficult now, even though their tents are only a few paces apart, as mission schedules and different convoy destinations keep the two busy.

"I used to take it for granted," Spitz said. "Not anymore."



Staff Sgt. Chad Spitz (left) and Sgt. Nick Kletzien, inseparable since childhood, were both deployed earlier this year with 1st Battalion, 121st Field Artillery Regiment, in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. This photo was taken at Camp Navistar, Kuwait, a little more than a month after they arrived in theater.



## Troops to honor MLK in Kuwait

### Sgt. Chris Jones Desert Voice Editor

Servicemembers in camps across Kuwait will participate in events honoring the birth of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr.

The events range from poetry readings to fun runs to a full recital of King's historic "I Have a Dream" speech, on and around his birthday, Jan. 15.

Sgt. 1st Class Alton Holliday, the petroleum and water noncommissioned officer in charge of C-4, Third Army/U.S. Army Central, said it's important to remember King's life and what he stood for.

"If he and so many others had not stood up for equality and justice," said Holliday, "we would still be sort of stuck in the past. [King] opened up a lot of doors not

only for African-Americans, but for everyone who was suffering against prejudice."

Holliday, a Manning, S.C., native, has participated in civil rights events before, but this marks the first year he has helped organize an event honoring King. Holliday and a small group of Soldiers have helped put together "Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – A Celebration of His Life and His Legacy," an event in which Holliday will recite King's "I Have a Dream" speech.

"I'm trying to sound just like him," said Holliday, regarding the speech. "I want it to sound just like it did when he said it."

King was assassinated in Memphis, Tenn., on April 4, 1968. Under President Ronald Reagan, Martin Luther King Jr. Day became a national holiday in 1986.

### MLK Events

Camp Buehring -- MLK 5K Run, 6 a.m., Jan. 15, starting at Green Beans  
Camp Arifjan -- MLK 5K Run/Walk, 6 a.m., Jan. 15, starting at Zone 1 Fitness Center; MLK Poetry Contest 7 p.m., Jan. 13, Zone 1 Community Center; Civil Rights Movies, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Zone 1 Theater  
Camp Patriot -- MLK 5K Run, 5 p.m., Jan. 16

Camp Virginia -- MLK 5K Run, 4 p.m., Jan. 15, starting at the library

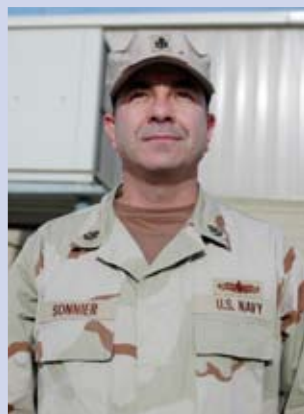
## Hometown Hero

**Chief Petty Officer Jason Sonnier, class 1 representative, Central Command Deployment Distribution Operation Center**

It is Sonnier's job to help get the right supplies to the warfighter at the right time and the right place.

**Sonnier talks about what he misses about his hometown of Chattanooga, Tenn.**

**"The foliage. The scenery. The grass. The trees."**



## Just One Question...

**What's your favorite food at the dining facilities in Kuwait?**



**"Cheeseburgers. Just cheeseburgers."**

Private Ryan McNally  
Motor Transportation Specialist  
19th Engineer Battalion  
Ronnulus, N.Y.



**"My favorite food at the DFAC is seafood. I enjoy the crab legs and scallops."**

Maj. Robin Williams  
Commander  
513th Movement Control Team  
Atlanta, Ga.



**"Fried chicken."**

Spc. Gloria McFarland  
Chemical Equipment Repairman  
790th Chemical Company  
Vancouver, Wash.



**"Chili Mac. It's good. I never cook it for myself because it's too much work."**

Capt. Jessica Soderbeck  
Security Manager  
19th Engineer Battalion  
Shoreview, Minn.



**"Ribs. They're the best thing the DFAC serves."**

Private 1st Class Tiffany Bassett  
Supply Specialist  
705th Military Police  
Modesto, Calif.

# New Year, Old Bears



Photo by Staff Sgt. Patrick N. Moes

Servicemembers deployed to Kuwait were treated to a New Year's Day visit from two members of the 1985 Chicago Bears Super Bowl team, Jim McMahon and Kevin Butler. Several members of Detachment 2, 863rd Engineer Battalion, an Army Reserve unit, are from the Chicago area and are rabid Bears fans. Many of those fans donned their Bears jerseys for the chance to meet the two former football stars. "When you come in the barracks [on a Sunday night] you can hear the Soldiers hollering during the Bears' games," said Capt. Anthony Manning, commander of Detachment 2. "It's a big morale boost. The troops are happy. They will talk about this for the next week."

## MWR Events

## January 10 - January 31

### The Rock

**Jan. 18** -- Spoken Word & Jazz Night, 9:30 p.m., Scorpion's Den

**Jan. 20** -- Hip Hop & R&B Party, 10 p.m., Scorpion's Den

**Jan. 22** -- Foosball Tourney, 7:30 p.m., The Sandbox

**Jan. 31** -- 9 Ball Tourney, 7:30 p.m., The Sandbox

### Camp Arifjan

**Jan. 20** -- Coffee Lounge and Open Mic Night, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

**Jan. 22** -- Arifjan Idol Karaoke, 7 p.m., Zone 1 Community Center

**Jan. 24** -- Mystery Prize Bingo, 7 p.m., Zone 6 Community Center

### Camp Buehring

**Jan. 28** -- 3v3 "Hoop it Up" Basketball Tournament, 1 p.m., Basketball Courts

(Buehring cont.)

**Jan. 28** -- 3v3 "Hoop it Up" Basketball Tournament, 1 p.m., Basketball Courts

**Jan. 29** -- Bingo Night, 8 p.m., The Oasis

**Jan. 31** -- Ping Pong Tournament, 8 p.m., Recreation Center

### Camp Patriot

**Jan. 20** -- Old School Dance Night, 8 p.m., MWR Tent

**Jan. 24** -- Kuwaiti Sports Day, 8:15 a.m., Sports Field

**Jan. 26** -- Kamikaze Karaoke, 8 p.m., MWR Tent

**Jan. 27** -- Run for Gold, Run 'n Row 9 a.m., Gym

**Jan. 31** -- Chess Tournament, 7 p.m., Recreation Center

### Life Support Area

For information, call 859-1054

### Camp Navistar

**Jan. 15 (all week):** Battle ship tournament, cribbage tournament and Tiger Woods video game tournament, MWR Tent

**Jan. 15-30:** Photo Contest, MWR Tent (judging takes place Feb. 2)

**Jan. 22 (all week):** Sorry Tournament, Uno Tournament, Dodgeball Tournament, MWR Tent

**Jan. 29 (all week):** Checks Tournament, Yahtzee Tournament, Pac-Man video game Tournament, MWR Tent

### Camp Virginia

**Jan. 15** -- Checkers Tournament, 7 p.m., Community Center

**Jan. 19** -- Poker Night, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

**Jan. 24** -- Unit Fued, 7 p.m., Dusty Room

**Jan. 26** -- 3-mile Life-Cycle Competition, 7 p.m., Fitness Center

**Jan. 31** -- Darts Tourney, 7 p.m., Community Center